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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

Non-English language document WO 1999 52993 corresponds to U.S. Patent

No. 6,814,856, a copy of which is attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no

better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

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documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the

patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of

the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please

charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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